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1. I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL A
AND AFTER REVIEWING PARA 3 REFTEL B I BELIEVE I
SHOULD CLARIFY MY STATEMENT REGARDING OUR FUTURE
RELATIONS WITH THE GOG AND OUR POSITION CONCERNING
THE GOG'S CURRENT THRUST TOWARD CLOSE TIES WITH THE
COMMUNIST WORLD.

2. SPECIFICALLY, IN ANY FUTURE DIALOGUE WITH THE GOG
I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE TO TREAD CAREFULLY REGARDING
THE ENUNCIATING OF OUR INTENTIONS TOWARD GUYANA. AS
I REPORTED IN REFTEL C THE GOG CONTINUES TO BE
SUSPICIOUS OF OUR INTENTIONS TOWARD THEM AS THEY MOVE
EVEN CLOSER TO THE COMMUNIST WORLD. HOWEVER, I HAD
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NOT MEANT IN MY EARLIER STATEMENT THAT WE SHOULD
NOT RETAIN OUR RIGHT TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER GOG
FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES BUT SIMPLY TO IMPLY THAT
WE WERE NOT OPPOSED TO THE INTERNAL SOCIALIST THRUST
OF THE GOG AND THEIR ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH
THE COMMUNIST WORLD. NEVERTHELESS WHEN WE EXPRESS
SUCH CONCERN AND DISPLEASURE WITH GOG FOREIGN POLICY

WE MUST BE PREPARED TO BE ACCUSED OF DESTABILIZATION. ALSO, SUCH A POLICY LINE COULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUEL FOR RADICALS IN THE GOVERNMENT TO FURTHER PUSH BURNHAM DOWN THE ROAD INTO THE CUBAN-SOVIET ORBIT. MOREOVER IT COULD ALSO FURTHER ISOLATE US HERE AND DISSIPATE WHATEVER MINIMAL INFLUENCE WE HAVE. FINALLY, WE MUST ALSO BE AWARE OF THE EFFECT THAT SUCH A POLICY WILL HAVE ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD.

3. THEREFORE, IN THE SHORT RUN I BELIEVE THE GUYANESE WILL VIEW US AS EITHER TOTALLY AGAINST THEM AND THEREFORE SUSPECT OR NOT OPPOSED TO THEM. AT THIS TIME THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY MIDDLE GROUND THAT WE CAN STAKE OUT. NEVERTHELESS, I ALSO SHARE MY COLLEAGUE'S CONCERN ABOUT THE GUYANESE THRUST IN THE CARIBBEAN AND THE THIRD WORLD THAT IS ON THE SURFACE DIRECTLY OPPOSED TO US INTERESTS IN THESE AREAS.

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